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Corps of Engineers awards contract for 12 miles of roads in Bagram, Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in association with the Afghanistan Ministry of Public Works, announced the award of a contract on July 31 for construction of 12.3 miles of roads in Bagram, Parwan Province.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall and take about 18 months to complete. The roads will be built both east and west of Bagram Airfield, a large multi-national base used by U.S., Afghan and other coalition forces.

The asphalt roads will be 33 feet wide, including paved shoulders on both sides. The new roads will feature a number of small bridges and causeways over existing creeks and draining systems. The asphalt roads will improve existing roads, which are either deteriorated asphalt, gravel or dirt. In some portions of the existing roads, water collects in pot holes and ruts as deep as three feet.

The new roads will improve access throughout the city and to the main gates of Bagram Airfield.

The project is part of a larger effort by the U.S. and Afghan governments to build roads, airstrips and other infrastructure projects to improve the economy and increase the security and stability of the Bagram region and the entire country.

The Bagram roads project marks the third roads project awarded in fiscal 2010 by the Corps of Engineers' Afghanistan Engineer District-North, which is based in Kabul and oversees reconstruction work in the northern and eastern portions of the country.

The prime contractor for the project is Road and Roof Construction Co., which is based in Kabul. The contractor expects 95 percent of the workers on the project will be Afghans, though the projected number of workers was not immediately available.

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